

# Austin Peay State University Student Organization Council Budget Committee

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## Mission Statement

*Austin Peay State University* encourages students to broaden their college experience by participation in a variety of campus activities. As a part of this commitment to education outside of the classroom, the SOC Budget Committee has been given the responsibility of allocating dollars to help fund student programs and events that will benefit the student body and enhance the co-curricular experience. It is the goal of SOC to allocate these fees in an equitable manner, thereby promoting both diversity in programming by student organizations and groups of students and programs should attempt to impact student life and learning. These programs or activities should also seek to enhance the personal development of students and/or enlarge the potential for interaction among students.

## Eligibility

All student organizations seeking funding from the SOC must be registered with the Office of Student Life and Leadership and must have been registered for at least two months prior to requesting funds if a new organization or if they have not been registered the prior calendar year. Also, student organization presidents and/or representatives must attend the mandatory student organization orientation sponsored by Student Life and Leadership held early in the fall semester, have updated information in Peaylink, and attend the financial training in the spring semester. SOC funded events must be for APSU main campus students only.

## Excluded from SOC financial support:

Partisan political organizations that support or oppose particular legislation or candidates. Non-partisan activities sponsored by partisan organizations may be eligible to apply for funding.

**NOTE:** Partisan political organizations are defined as those affiliated with a registered political party or candidate.

Religious and Charitable organizations may be eligible to apply for funding for informational/educational expenses. However, religious activities such as worship services or activities that have the purpose of conversion will not be funded.

**\*Other exclusions apply.** Please see the full guidelines at [www.apsu.edu/sll](http://www.apsu.edu/sll).

To be considered for funding, the organizations, or students, and their programs must be primarily student determined and student directed. Membership and participation should reasonably enable any interested Austin Peay student to compete or join and must be seen to provide valuable service to APSU.

Please refer to the SOC Guidelines for additional funding requirements at [www.apsu.edu/sll](http://www.apsu.edu/sll). **Groups and organizations are expected to read these funding guidelines prior to requesting any funds from SOC.** The SOC funds programs and events that benefit the student body as a whole. Requests must be for events whose primary focus and audience is APSU main campus students. In order to help ensure equitable allocation of funds, the SOC uses guidelines in making their decisions. Student organizations are responsible for reading and complying with these guidelines.

Please review the guidelines carefully prior to applying for funds. (The guidelines are a separate document; available online at <http://www.apsu.edu/sll>.)

### **Allocation Decisions**

The SOC looks at the following factors when determining allocation amounts:

- Event must be open to all currently enrolled APSU students on main campus
- Nature of the program
- Number of students affected by the program
- Size of the student organization
- Adherence to guidelines
- Outside funding sources (encouraged by SOC)
- Co-Sponsorship- two or more organizations joining forces for a program